

## Message Text

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R 311425Z MAR 77  
FM AMEMBASSY ANKARA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6974  
INFO AMCONSUL ADANA

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CASC, TU(ANTAKYA THREE)  
SUBJ: PRISION VISITS

REF: 76 ANKARA 7980

1. AMCONSUL ADANA HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT PRISON DIRECTOR ADANA PRISON HAS WITHDRAWN " SPECIAL VISITATION" PRIVILEGE THAT ANTAKYA THREE AND OTHER U.S. CITIZEN PRISONERS HAVE ENJOYED FOR SOME TIME. SPECIFICALLY, FRIENDS OF THE PRISONERS WILL NO LONGER BE PERMITTED TO ACCOMPANY CONSULAR OFFICER ON THEIR BI-WEEKLY VISIT. THIS IS SAME ACTION INITIATED BY DIRECTOR BACK IN OCTOBER 1976 AND REPORTED IN REFTEL. AMCONSUL ADANA WAS SUCCESSFUL AT THAT TIME IN RESTORING THIS PRIVILEGE BUT IT WAS APPARENT THAT IT WAS AN AREA OF EXTREME DELICACY AND SUBJECT TO REVOCATION AT ANY TIME.

2. PRISON DIRECTOR, IN CONVERSATION WITH CONSULATE OFFICER EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS NOT BECAUSE OF ANY IMPROPER BEHAVIOR ON PART OF GIRLS, OTHER AMCITS OR CONSULAR PERSONNEL BUT BECAUSE SUCH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED UNDER PRISON VISITATION DIRECTIVES. IT IS BELIEVED THAT RECENT INSPECTION OF PRISON MIGHT HAVE HAD A STRONG BEARING ON DIRECTOR'S DECISION.

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3. WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT RESTRICTION APPLIES ONLY TO THE FRIENDS OF THE PRISONERS AND IN NO WAY TO OFFICIAL VISITS NOT TO DOCTORS, LAWYERS, DENTISTS, NURSES OR OTHER PERSONS PROVIDING SERVICES UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. AMCONSUL ADANA PLANS TO DISCUSS SITUATION WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN ADANA AND ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE MATTER LOCALLY.

EMBASSY MEANWHILE HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN TO MINISTRY OF JUSTICE  
INFORMALLY, BUT HAS NOT REQUESTED ANY ACTION PENDING OUTCOME  
OF AMCONSUL ADANA EFFORTS.

5. EMBASSY WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOP-  
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